

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF DR. JAMES ROSBORG, SUPERINTENDENT OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #118

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and retirement of Dr. James Rosborg, "Superintendent of Belleville School District #118.

Dr. Rosborg has devoted 33 years to the education of our youth, serving as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He has been the superintendent of Belleville District #118 for the past 11 years. During that time, Dr. Rosborg has achieved recognition at both the state and national level for his leadership and hands-on involvement in the success of the students in his district. Typically, Dr. Rosborg has credited the faculty, staff and parents for the high level of student achievement and it has been the collaboration of these groups, along with community leaders, that has been a cornerstone of Dr. Rosborg's success.

Belleville School District #118 consists of eight elementary schools, two junior high schools and one early childhood facility, with a total enrollment of approximately 3700 students. In spite of a high percentage of low-income students, compared to state averages, the district has won numerous awards for high achievement. These awards include Golden Spike Awards, State and National Blue Ribbon School Awards, the national AFT-Saturn/UAW Collaboration Award and Illinois Spotlight School Awards.

In addition to these awards for the District, Dr. Rosborg has been the recipient of the Illinois Master Teacher Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Those Who Excel" Award, the Illinois State Board of Education "Break the Mold" Award and the Boy Scouts of America Russell C. Hill Award for outstanding contribution to character education. Last year, Dr. Rosborg was named the 2004 Illinois School Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Rosborg's service extends beyond District #118 while, at the same time, he still enjoys meeting individually with the students of his district. He has served as an adjunct college professor at both St. Louis University and Lindenwood University. He has served as President of the Illinois statewide Elementary District Organization and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. Dr. Rosborg is the Illinois superintendent representative on the State Superintendent's Testing Task Force, which is dealing with the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation and its impact on state testing in Illinois.

According to Dr. Rosborg, the bottom line of success in any district rests with the individual

teachers in the classrooms. He has the highest regard for educators as professionals and believes that the main goal for administrators should be to foster an environment where teachers can maximize the educational achievement of each student.

Dr. Rosborg is a product of Illinois education. After graduating from Hoopeston High School in Hoopeston, Illinois, he received his undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and both his masters and doctorate degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Dr. Rosborg and his wife, Nancy, have three children; Mike, a civil engineer, and his wife Wendy; Kyle, employed by LaSalle Bank in Chicago; and Carol, a senior in accounting at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Dr. James Rosborg for his years of dedicated service to education and to wish him and his family the very best in the future.

HONORING ALISHA MATHIAS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alisha Mathias, the Boyertown Area Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Officer Mathias has been a member of the Colebrookdale Township Police Department since February of 1999 and has made countless contributions to her community over the past six years. Prior to becoming a police officer, Mathias was a Montgomery County emergency dispatcher and a Montgomery County deputy sheriff. During that time, she also assisted in Camp Cadet program and was a D.A.R.E. instructor, working to give kids the life skills they need to avoid involvement with drugs, gangs, and violence.

When Officer Mathias went to the Police Academy in Montgomery County, she was the only female in her class of 30. After graduation, Officer Mathias further proved her competence when she was awarded the Meritorious Service Award for her valiant efforts in the arrest of several car thieves in the surrounding area.

Officer Mathias has her roots in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. She attended Pottsgrove High School and today she lives in Oley, Pennsylvania. Prior to moving to Oley last year, Officer Mathias lived in the Boyertown area for 6 years with her husband, Rodney, and her two young boys, Ayden and Kellen.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Officer Alisha Mathias for her years of exemplary service to the Boyertown community and for her notable community service contributions. It is an honor to stand before you to congratulate Alisha Ma-

thias, one of Boyertown, Pennsylvania's most distinguished citizens.

CONGRATULATING UNITED GROUP SERVICES, INC., ON OSHA STAR AWARD

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate United Group Services, Inc., a local company out of Cincinnati, Ohio, that recently earned the prestigious Star award for the Voluntary Protection Program in Construction (VPPC) from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) for its outstanding safety performance and processes.

The award is the hallmark of OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) in which employees, management and OSHA all work together to implement safety and health programs that protect workers above and beyond those regulations established by OSHA. As the highest honor given by the VPP, the Star award is reserved for participants that exceed OSHA standards, thereby making them models for their specific industries.

The original VPP program has been an OSHA standard since 1982, but until now has always excluded mobile workforce construction because it is site based and not company based. United Group has been involved with the new VPPC program since its inception in 2002.

Approval into VPPC is OSHA's official recognition of United Group for the outstanding efforts of both its management and employees on achieving exemplary occupational safety and health. This award is truly representative of United Group's dedication and commitment to safety—the company's #1 core value. It is also a testament to the teamwork and commitment to safety they demonstrate on a daily basis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH BOOTH

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very happy birthday to Lt. Col. Joseph Booth of the Louisiana State Police. Mr. Booth celebrates his 50th birthday on April 15th.

Mr. Booth is known for his loyalty to friends and his commitment to his family, a warm smile and good sense of humor. Mr. Booth is a career law enforcement officer who followed in the footsteps of his father whom he loved very much in joining the Louisiana State Police rising through the ranks to lieutenant

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colonel. Mr. Booth is well respected nationally for his insights into law enforcement and the role law enforcement officers play in protecting our homeland. Throughout his career he has displayed rigorous intellect and sound judgment.

For these reasons and more, I would like to extend the warmest best wishes to Lt. Col. Joseph Booth on this special day.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BISHOP DAVID COPELAND

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bishop David M. Copeland for his dedicated ministry to the people of San Antonio.

David Copeland is a native of Buffalo, New York, and received his early spiritual training in the Baptist Church. He completed his undergraduate education at the State University of New York at Brockport, where he received his bachelor's degree in Sociology and Speech Communications. He earned his Master of Divinity in Church Administration at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He was baptized into the Church of God in Christ at the age of 18, and was called to the ministry in 1969.

Bishop Copeland was the founding Pastor of the Good Shepherd Church of God in Christ in Atlanta, Georgia, as well as serving as the Chaplain and Deputy Sheriff of Dekalb County, Georgia. He has a history of taking on especially challenging ministries; he and his wife were the first active duty African American couple in the United States Air Force Chaplaincy, and he is a board member of the Fellowship of Inner City Word of Faith Ministries (FICWFM).

Bishop Copeland currently serves as the Senior Pastor of the New Creation Christian Fellowship of San Antonio, Texas. His church has grown and thrived under his leadership, purchasing new facilities and increasing its membership. His 35 years of ministry have changed countless lives for the better, and have strengthened all of the communities in which he has lived and worked.

Bishop Copeland is a blessing to the people of Texas, and I am proud to have the opportunity to thank him today.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER J. RUDDER

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Walter J. Rudder, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools of the Burlington County Institute of Technology (BCIT), who is retiring after 16 years of meritorious service to the community.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserve, Dr. Rudder has served the students of Burlington County for 38 years.

A teacher of fourth, fifth and sixth grades reading and mathematics in the Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania public schools, Walt moved to the Pemberton Borough School District as Chief School Administrator. Maple Shade Township then welcomed him as Assistant Superintendent and School Business Administrator, followed by service to the students of Northern Burlington County Regional High School District, with his career culminating at BCIT.

Dr. Rudder also contributed to the education field by training prospective educators as an Adjunct Instructor and Visiting Assistant Professor at the College of New Jersey, Southern Illinois University and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

At the helm during expansion projects at both the Medford and Westampton Campuses of BCIT, Dr. Rudder enhanced the adult-school program offerings, strengthened district admission policy and instituted a dress code, while seeing his district gain 600 students during his tenure.

While he plans to become more active as a professor at Fairleigh Dickinson, he also plans to play golf, travel and spend more time with his wife, Pat, and his family.

I and all those whose lives he has touched these many years wish health, happiness and dreams come true in his retirement.

RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE VILLAGE OF BECKEMEYER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the Village of Beckemeyer.

On this date, 100 years ago, April 14, 1905, the Village of Beckemeyer officially filed their charter to no longer be known as Buxton, but to, from then on out, go by the name of Beckemeyer.

Buxton was a way station on the Ohio and Mississippi railroad, and was situated four miles west of the county seat of Carlyle. It was laid out in lots by Zophar Case in 1866, and named Buxton in honor of Harvey P. Buxton, an attorney for the railroad, who lived in Carlyle.

On February 24th, 1905, voters rushed to the polls in a momentous vote that carried an overwhelming majority of 53 to 12, laying the official groundwork for the renaming. Many people at the time were worried that the vote would not hold because the vote was apparently held on an official holiday. That was a question for the lawyers to decide.

The vote held steady and the village was organized on this day 100 years ago by Mr. August Beckemeyer and many other prominent citizens of that place. Now and into the future, it will be known as the Village of Beckemeyer.

Here's to the Village of Beckemeyer and all who reside there.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO RODOLFO "CORKY" GONZALES AND HIS LIFETIME FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, the Latino community lost a great leader this week. I rise today to pay tribute to Corky Gonzales, a man of principle and passion. He was a man who spent a lifetime working for equal opportunity for all Americans. At the same time, he taught us to take pride in our heritage and to remember our roots as we worked to achieve equality in mainstream society.

Corky was the youngest of 8 children. He was raised in the Denver barrio, where medical facilities were closed to Mexican migrant workers such as his parents, and opportunities were few and far between.

As a child though, he grew up listening to his father's accounts of the Mexican revolution. Having learned from those lessons of fighting for your principles, Gonzales literally fought his way out of poverty. The tough, wily man made his way into the boxing ring, and he worked his way up to become a national champion boxer. He was the first Latino inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame.

But Corky was also a lifelong poet, a man who understood the power of language. He taught us that words could inspire action and create real change. His epic poem, "Yo Soy Joaquin" was an inspiration to many. It captured the struggle of a community fighting for equality, fighting to break free of poverty, and fighting to create new opportunities without losing the heritage that helps shape our identity.

I shed the tears of anguish
as I see my children disappear
behind the shroud of mediocrity,
never to look back to remember me.
I am Joaquin.
I must fight
and win this struggle
for my sons, and they
must know from me
who I am.

Corky's words called for Latinos to unite for social justice and end discrimination, to demand just treatment. It is because of his leadership in the last 30 years that today we all enjoy a more inclusive society.

Corky will live on in more than memory—he lives on in our hearts, our identity, and the strength he gave us as a community.

REYNALDO G. GARZA AND FILEMON B. VELA UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 483, a bill to rename the courthouse in Brownsville, Texas as the Reynaldo Garza and the Filemon B. Vela courthouse.